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**REPORT OF THE SCEA WORKING GROUP ON WOMEN**

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SCEA working group has unfortunately not been able to arrange a meeting in this period.

However, I have participated in the following:

I also participated at the Peace and Security summit in Sweden last year which was very useful.

The Resolution 1325 and women's participation in Peace processes and the 10 years anniversary was thoroughly discussed at the last SCOW meeting held in Oslo. Implementation and follow up is of vital importance. I would also like to emphasize the need for support of the Veterans family and relatives.

SCOW has established a Facebook page in line with the WVF and SCEA which is useful informing about the activities taking place.

SCOW was attending the 58<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status on Women in New York earlier this Year.

The priority theme was Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the 8 Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls. A report with recommendations is available at the UN Homepage. Briefly summarized there have been improvements, but there is still a long way to go.

In addition several side events were attended. There are a lot of activities in around the world related to empowerment of young girls such as providing opportunities for education, train women to provide basic needs for the community such as use of solar energy, methods of growing food and safe access to water.

Another interesting thing was the good participation by men and also the education programs for young men on amongst other items how to respect women and girls.

I would also like to inform you that there are a lot of other Facebook pages which are useful in getting ideas and inspiration for the work for women's interests.

I would also like to inform you that Sweden is performing a Gender Program with huge success.

Finally, I would like you all to challenge your women veterans and relatives to participate in the SCEA working group on women. They are after all 50% of the world's population and their voices should be considered in our task for making a better world.

Thank you for your attention.